

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system having a table of keys for synchronizing related data elements between a first and second storage system, each key comprising:

a universal identifier corresponding to a data element in the first and second storage system;

a first record identifier corresponding to the data element in the first storage system; and

a second record identifier corresponding to the data element stored in the second storage system, wherein the universal identifier, the first record identifier and the second record identifier are used to synchronize the data element between the first and second storage system,

wherein the table of keys is separate from the first storage system and the second storage system.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein each key further comprises a data element type name corresponding to the data element.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein each key further comprises a first system name corresponding to the first storage system.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein each key further comprises a second system name corresponding to the second storage system.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein each key further comprises storage system information corresponding to storage of the data element in a particular storage system.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a table interface for cross-referencing and updating the table of keys.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the table interface includes:

an identifier matching system for cross-referencing record identifiers and universal identifiers; and

a table update system for updating the table.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the table interface further comprises:

a storage information system for accessing information corresponding to storage of the data element in a particular storage system.

9. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the first storage system is designed to store first data related to the data element, and wherein the first storage system is designed to store second data related to the data element, and wherein the first data is designed to be different from the second data.

10. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the first and second storage system do not separately maintain information for synchronizing the first and second storages system with each other.